MRAC Board Meeting Monday April 22, 2002 6:45 PM Dave DeFebo's house S67 W12620 Larkspur Rd, Muskego, 414-529-5583

- Minutes

- Treasurer

- Thanks to me for having us

- Future board meetings - May (TUE 28) - Jim, June - probably restaurant as could be a big crowd w/new officers?

- Meetings - Thursday - Matt on attic wire antenna install + nominations
May - Auction + elections (talk up auction)
June - Vern Teske Video or some sort of CW or ??? (new officers take over)

- VEC

- Discovery World
Had 1 meeting all but 2 of people present were MRAC members.
Offered club radios for exhibit. We could also offer numerous pictures from our collection. I think Jim talked about the spark transmitter. Also offered an Eaton antenna (not MRAC property). Repeater is a maybe (if we can't find a better location).
In the past some members have talked about doing things with schools. This is the next best thing, but will probably get the volunteers for manning the exhibit that code practice does.

- Classes
Extra finished - all who took test have passed (you know who you are).
Mark Tellier and Tom Fuszard doing some code practice amongst themselves.
Tech Class next? When and where? Need more help and maybe locations for classes (and of course code, but I won't mention that).
Finally received some stuff from Gordon West - just a collection of freebies from the manufacturers.

- Special Event Operation for MRAC 85th birthday report

- Contest committee - Jerry Wahlen is main Field Day guy. Mark Bye offered help. Matt will do food. Jim does his usual. Don't forget to talk up Field Day also. We need new people to get involved.

- Misc
John Kraak, Sherm Swanson and Jack Hughes are the nominating committee. Give them suggestions if you have any (or if you want to run for the same or different office). This month is the official nominations (they close at the meeting).
Video Tapes
McNew Plaque

- PR
Bunch of work done on phtot album/scrapbook - not just pictures but printed stuff too. Final "book" will be electronic. One copy will be color printed for public display, but it will be too much to do for members - finished book will probably be 200 or more pages.
Superfest brought in 2 new members (I think). Brian/Les - don't forget to tell me about new members so I can get new member stuff to them.
When my time as President is over, maybe I'll spend some time on more PR materials - stuff to hand out at testing, AES, web stuff, whatever - if anyone has ideas, speak up.

- Xmas - Vern is looking?

- Repeater (featured topic - don't worry, only 3 more meetings)
The featured topic is still the repeater.
Antenna is in. May be installed by the time we are talking about this.
We have done well with budget watching and have brought some breathing room to the bank account. What I'm getting at is we don't have to beg for money to get the machine working. At least not now. If we get a new radio and it works better we will need to sell the ICOM repeater and probably the Mirage amp. We will discuss that when that time comes.
Currently, we have a Diamond dual-band antenna and a very old Hustler 2 meter antenna which are not doing anything. The Hustler is old and somewhat crusty but seems to work OK. The Diamond is about 6-10 years old. When moving the

antenna from Ed's house to Eaton Jim discovered it was missing a piece of the internal antenna element (it is a small rod in a fiberglas radome). He added some rod to fix things. It measured OK on an antenna analyser but did not perform any better than a Jerry J-Pole (which is not even tuned properly), at least not on the Eaton roof (we have been using the J-Pole since last fall). Any ideas of what to do with those 2 items? Perhaps the Hustler could go to Discovery World along with the radios (they should be doing VHF/UHF besides HF).